

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A hose having a hose body of which a cross-sectional external shape as seen in a plane perpendicular to an axial direction is substantially rectangular and having a linear projection formed on an inner wall of the hose body along the axial direction,

wherein a gap between a top of the linear projection and a part of the inner wall opposite to the linear projection is in a range from 25 % to 30 % of the distance from a part of the inner wall on which the linear projection is formed to the part of the inner wall opposite to the linear projection.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) A hose as claimed in claim 1, wherein the linear projection has a flat surface at a top thereof.

4. (Original) A hose as claimed in claim 3, wherein a cross-sectional shape of the linear projection as seen in a plane perpendicular to an axial direction is trapezoidal.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A hose as claimed in claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the gap between ~~[[a]]~~ the top of the linear projection and the part of the inner wall opposite

to the linear projection is in a range from ~~40~~ 25 % to 28 % of the distance from the part of the inner wall on which the linear projection is formed to the part of the inner wall opposite to the linear projection.

7. (Currently Amended) A hose ~~as claimed in claim 1, wherein two or more linear projections are formed on opposite parts of the inner wall in such a way that tops of the linear projections point each other~~ having a hose body of which a cross-sectional external shape as seen in a plane perpendicular to an axial direction is substantially rectangular and having two or more linear projections formed on opposite inner walls of the hose body along the axial direction so that tops of the linear projects face each other,

wherein a gap between the tops of the linear projections is in a range from 25 % to 30 % of the distance between parts of the inner wall on which the linear projections are respectively formed.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A hose as claimed in claim 7, wherein a gap between the tops of the opposite linear projections is in a range from ~~40~~ 25 % to 28 % of a distance between parts of the inner wall on which the linear projections are formed.